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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: REQUEST FOR MULTILATERAL INFORMATION
ON HOST GOVERNMENTS (HAITI)

REF: (A)STATE 159747, (B)STATE 148782, (C)76 PORT AU PRINCE
623 (NOTAL)

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN HAITI'S
ATTITUDES ON MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS IN THE PAST YEAR AND
REFTEL C IS STILL VALID.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN PERSONNEL CHANGES IN HAITI'S
REPRESENTATION AT THE US, UNESCO AND GATT.
A) THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE IS AT NEW YORK WHERE
SERGE CHARLES SUCCEEDED RAOUL SICLAIT. ALTHOUGH CHARLES
DOES NOT HAVE A POWER BASE IN HAITI TO RIVAL THAT OF THE
SICLAIT FAMILY BEFORE ITS DEMISE LAST SEPTEMBER, HE IS
A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE DUVALIER
BRIGHT AND COMPETENT, HIS VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE
GIVEN GREAT WEIGHT BY BOTH THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AND THE
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FOREIGN MINISTRY. CHARLES WILL NOT DEVIATE FORM THE
BROAD TRADITIONAL LINES OF HAITIAN DIPLOMACY BUT HE
WILL PROBABLY HAVE DETERMINING ROLE ON MOST ISSUES WHICH
CAN BE DECIDED WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK.

B) ARNOLD SICLAIT AND JULES BLANCHET ARE NO LONGER
AMBASSADORS TO UNESCO AND GATT RESPECTIVELY AND HAITIAN
PARTICIPATION IN THOSE TWO ORGANIZATIONS IS CONTROLLED

BY FOREIGN MINISTRY AS INDICATED IN PARA 3 REFTEL C.

3. WITH RESPECT TO COMMENTS REQUESTED BY REFTEL B WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT LOBBYING OF THE HAITIAN UN DELEGATION WILL, IN MOST INSTANCES, BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF OBTAINING PROMPT AND FAVORABLE HAITIAN COOPERATION ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO US. WHEN FOLLOW-UPS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ARE INDICATED, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE COMPLETE AND TIMELY BACKGROUND MATERIAL. AN AIDE MEMOIRE (IN FRENCH) IS ALMOST MANDATORY FOR MOST DEMARCHES. THESE CONSIDERATIONS ARE PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR MEETINGS OUTSIDE NEW YORK FOR WHICH HAITIAN DELEGATES MUST BE INSTRUCTED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE (N.B. HAITI DOES NOT EVEN HAVE RESIDENT REPRESENTATION IN GENEVA).

4. ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS HAITI WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MULTILATERAL INITIATIVES ON HUMAN RIGHTS. KNOWING THAT IT IS "UNDER THE GUN" IN ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON THIS ISSUE, IT WILL WORK FOR FORMULAS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA WHICH IT CAN SUPPORT BUT WHICH WILL NOT GIVE "CARTE BLANCHE" FOR OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION OF THE HAITIAN PERFORMANCE. THE GOH WILL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CONTROL ANY INVESTIGATION CARRIED OUT IN HAITI.

5. EMBASSY MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER CONTINUES
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